

## *Jesus' Humanity*

### *Mark 1:9-13*

*Where Adam as a man broke God's covenant, Jesus as a man had to keep God's covenant if we were to be redeemed.*

*The gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus present the same truth more implicitly. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit commissioned Him for ministry (Matt. 3:16-17). What was Christ's first act? Matthew 4:1 gives us the answer: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Of all the things that our Lord could have done after His baptism, He undertook a grueling temptation by Satan in the wilderness. Anyone who is the least bit familiar with the biblical storyline cannot help but think of Adam's temptation in the garden when they read of our Lord's encounter with the devil.*

*Jesus underwent a test that was similar to Adam's, but it was actually far more difficult. Adam met Satan in paradise, where life was easy. Jesus met Satan in the desert wilderness where the environment was hardly friendly. Adam enjoyed the company of his wife, Eve. Jesus was alone. Adam was well fed from the trees of Eden. Jesus was fasting. In short, Adam failed even though he had everything going for him, but Jesus succeeded even though, humanly speaking, the odds were stacked against Him (Gen. 3; Matt. 4:1-11). R.C. Sproul*

- I. God never stops working his sovereign will to fulfillment. His timing is perfect in every way. Whatever he says will come to fruition, all according to his time frame and not ours. He says, "Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me. I declare the end from the beginning, and ancient times from what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and all My good pleasure I will accomplish'" (Isa. 46:9-10). When Jesus broke into redemptive history the first time, he did so at just the right time in fulfillment of all that was prophesied about him. Jesus will break into redemptive history once again, this time he will rock the world and set in motion his wrath against all godlessness. His admonition to those of us who know him is, be ready.

**Revelation 22:12** "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

- II. Jesus' baptism was necessary for several reasons. It identified his humanity with our humanity. It showed that there is a triune God willing to do what is necessary to secure our salvation. It proved that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, sent to seek and to save lost souls (Lk. 19:10). It showed Jesus' willingness to become nothing and humble himself before another man to demonstrate his commitment to serve mankind (Phil. 2:5-8). It showed how proud God was to see his Son's willingness to endure being sinned against to fulfill his will. And It showed Jesus commissioning for ministry through a special anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:9-11

Luke 3:11-14

Matt. 3:7-10

Mark 1:7-8

John 1:29-34

Matt. 3:14-15

***Philippians 2:5-8*** *5In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross!*

- III. Jesus' first responsibility after his baptism was to prove to mankind his power over Satan's powerfully deceptive ways. Satan, in his arrogance, had to try to get the Son of God to sin. He had seen him in all his glory, was even created by him, but now he was dealing with Jesus as a man in a weakened state, hungry, thirsty, and exhausted. Satan had several thousand years to hone his craft of deception, after all he easily deceived Adam and Eve and so many more over the centuries. What he didn't count on was that Jesus' love for the Father and for lost souls far outweighed any temporary pleasure or benefit he might have gained by accepting anything Satan had to offer.

Mark 1:12-13

Heb. 4:15

Heb. 2:17-18

1 Cor. 10:13

James 1:14-15

Matt. 4:3-10